



**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR  
THE UKUSEKELA SMALL PROJECT AND SUPPORT FUND (SPSF) PROGRAM –  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Small Project and Support Fund (SPSF) is a project funded by Bread for the World (BfdW) to support small local initiatives that are made up of committed and dedicated people who may belong to any of these structures: self-help groups, community-based organisations (CBO's), faith-based organisations (FBO's) or smaller non-governmental organisations (NGO's) or small local networks and their members working within their vicinity and context to improve the lives of the marginalised. The BfdW partner organisation AIDS Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) is the administrative partner of the SPSF and manages the programme autonomously based on criteria that have been mutually agreed with BfdW. Funding to successful applicants will be channelled through AFSA.

The SPSF aims to empower communities to act and participate in their own development through actions that are designed, implemented, and owned by the communities themselves. It will target grass-root initiatives that are known in their communities; at least 65% of the funded initiatives will be female-led so as to address gender inequalities and drive female empowerment.

**THE SPSF HAS 2 COMPONENTS – THIS CALL IS FOR COMPONENT 1 ONLY:**

**COMPONENT 1:** Will support a maximum number of 19 small projects in Kwa Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga, and Eastern Cape within an 18-month period (September 2023 to February 2025). Selected applications will need to meet Ukusekela due diligence requirements and if approved, the applications could qualify for a maximum grant amount of 150.000 ZAR.

**TARGET PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS:**

Kwa Zulu Natal: Umgungundlovu, Harry Gwala and Umzinyathi

Eastern Cape: Alfred Nzo, Amathole and OR Tambo

Mpumalanga: Gert Sibande, Nkangala, Ehlanzeni-East (Nkomazi and Umjindi LM).

**THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS:**

- Economic development and empowerment;
- Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) advocacy and support;
- Improving Gender Equality (in the workplace and educational institutions).
- Improving access to women's sexual and mental health

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Locally registered in line with the NPO Act 71 of 1997 requirements, and operational within the stated Provinces and Districts.
- Annual organisational budget which is not more than R1.5 million;
- Have been operational for a minimum of two years;
- Must have received and handled donor funding of more than R70 000.00 per annum in the past;
- Have prepared narrative and financial reports to a donor which must be attached to this application as supporting documents.
- Demonstrate basic organisational and financial systems being in place.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:**

- Top-up funding will be provided to entities that are registered and operational within the stated provinces and districts, provided they meet the criteria mentioned above
- Top-up funding requests will be considered only for operational and implementation costs to amplify and strengthen existing projects; not for Human Resource related costs.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE SPSF:**

- To support the sub-recipients to successfully implement their self-initiated development ideas and projects.
- To build the capacity of the sub-recipients to gain competence and experience in implementing their self-initiated products.
- To equip the sub-recipients with networking skills in order for them to be able to network with other actors in the field.

**EXCLUSIONS:**

- Any organisations that are currently being supported and funded by AFSA will not be eligible to apply for funds from the SPSF under the current financial year.
- Organisations that are part of government structures or are in any way linked to government cannot be funded.
- Organisations that are already being financed by BfdW or were previously financed by the SPSF in the previous phase.
- Organisations with an annual budget of more than R1.5M ZAR will not be eligible to apply.

- Only organisations that fall within the provinces and districts stated above will be applicable for consideration. The organisations must operate (their office location/base) from any of the three mentioned provinces and implement their work within the target districts.
- The grant will **not** support any **HIV/AIDS-related** work.

**CONDITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:**

- All the sections of the application form must be completed in full.
- All supporting documentation must be submitted with the application form.
- Applications must be submitted at AFA's offices in person or via courier on or before 15 June 2023; the call for applications closes at **16h00**.